

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending, with claims 1, 10, 19, 27, 33, 34, 36 and 41 being independent. New claims 45-54 have been added, with claims 45 and 50 being independent. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are requested.

Claims 20-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite lacking clear antecedent basis for "the aperture" in line 2 of claim 20. However, line 1 of claim 20 provides the clear antecedent basis sought: "The method of claim 19, wherein an aperture limits [...]". In view of this, withdrawal of the 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-44 stand rejected under judicially created doctrine of double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1, 8, 22, 30-32, 34, 43, 57, and 62 of U.S. Patent 6,791,592. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is filed herewith to obviate this double patenting rejection. Common ownership of the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,791,592 is shown by the assignments recorded at reel/frame numbers 011389/0460 and 011389/0487 (copies enclosed). In view of the common ownership and the terminal disclaimer, withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

All claims should be in condition for allowance. An official notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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